Official Reports. While the authorities are making the decrees effective so far as the civil functions of government can do it, autonomy must be followed on the parallel line of military operations. After pacification will come the application of the system to all the provinces. In conflicting accounts it is sometimes difficult to determine the real conditions, but when Cuba is at peace the existence of peace will make itself known. The rate of progress may be gained from the official reports. I am going to follow those reports as a guide. A summary of them is made up every ten days. The latest one gives the following:

Presentodos with arms...... 71 Presentodos without arms...... 317 Killed 36

the insurgents wounded because the number is not known, yet where so many are killed there must be some wounded who subsequently die, and addition would have to be made to the mortality among the insurgents. In Weyler's time the proportion of losses was one Spanish soldier for every ten insurgents who were killed, and 287 was the favorite ten days' summary of insurgent losses. The ratio has fallen a little and now it takes 83-7 insurgents for every Spanish soldier who falls. The disproportion between the number of the troops killed and the number wounded might strike a military observer, but it is not germane to the main question, which is the amount of the insurgent lesses. With 303 killed, 17 taken prisoners and 71 surrendering with arms in hand, the total is 201. If the insurgents are actually suffering losses at this rate a definite period might be fixed for ending the war, for their little army cannot stand a loss from its ranks of 1.100 a month. These official accounts may be followed carefully in the future. They will demonstrate when Spain, causing the surrender of all its men. When that is demonstrated by the official figures no need will exist for keeping an army in Cuba. The official figuring is done by the general staff, or "estoda mayor." Its statistics are the basis of the reports regularly made to Madrid and Washington about the "approaching end" of the war

CHARLES M. PEPPER. TO REMOVE THE TRACKS

The Eckington Railway Company to Be Prosecuted

District Attorney Davis Instructed to Take Action to Compel the Taking Up of Unused Rails.

The Department of Justice has instructed District Attorney Davis to bring suit against the Eckington and Soldiers' Home railroad to compel that company to remove the unused tracks on New York avenue between 5th and 7th streets and

to restore the street to its form condition. Some time ago complaint was filed with the Secretary of the Interior by business men and residents on New York avenue between 5th and 7th streets that the unused tracks and cobble stones between and on the edges of the tracks were obstructions to travel. Messrs. Barker and Merrill were the leaders in the appeal to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Secretary of the Interior referred the complaint, which was accompanied by affi-davits, to the Attorney General, who in turn instructed the district attorney to bring suit. Mr. Davis has also been requested to push the action. The Departstice, in years gone by, had treuble with the railroad company, and found nothing in the treatment of the road for the department that would warrant anything now but quick, speedy and de-It is stated at the Department of Justice

that there is no question as to the right of the United States to compel the company to do something. The only question Low is as to the form of the proceeding. District Attorney Davis and the Department of Justice have this under consideration, and something will be done at once.

SUSTAINED THE APPEAL.

Assistant Secretary Davis Favorably

Among the decisions rendered in appealed pension cases today by Webster Davis, assistant secretary of the interior, was one in the claim of Edzabeth Jane, widow of Harry Ward, late of Company D, 102d U. S. C. Infantry, which is of special interest. The action of the commissioner of pensions was reversed. The claim is for pension under provisions of section 3 of the act of June 27, 1890. Claimant is an ignorant colored woman

who signs by mark, but is described by the witnesses as a "poor, innocent, hard-work-ing woman." The reports of the two speclal examiners are unequivocally in favor.

The only question involved was the mar-

risge of the claimant to the soldier. There is no record evidence of marriage, and it is claimed that the marriage certificate is

In his decision Assistant Secretary Davis

The evidence is sufficient to settle, beyond a doubt, the fact that claimant was the widow of the soldier. Soldier was not a pensioner, nor had he ever applied for pension, and at date of the alleged marriage there was no reason to believe that claimant would ever be entitled to a pen sion on account of her marriage to soldier. Claimant's account of her separation from soldier is corroborated by her stepson, who is evidently not biased in claimant's

petitor, Alliance and Mora affairs in-creased the difficulties of Senor Sagasta in combating similar demands," and that, favor.

"The case is free from any evidence of claimant or her collusion on the part of ciaimant or her witnesses, and the testimony leads me to the conclusion that claimant was married to soldier as alleged, notwithstanding the absence of record evidence of the marriage. I am of the opinion that the testimony in the case would establish a valid marriage in the state of Michigan. The action ap-pealed from is reversed."

Speaker Reed the Guest of Monor. Speaker Reed will be the guest of honor at the banquet and ceremonies of the board of directors of the city trust of the city of Philadelphia next Monday evening, on the occasion of the semi-centennial an-niversary of the opening of Girard Col-lege.

Warrants Out for Arrest of Broker H. O. Goldsmith.

HE ROBBED CLIENTS OF THOUSANDS

Pursued Same Methods of Notorious E. S. Dean Company.

HIS WHEREABOUTSUNKNOWN

NEW YORK, December 29.-A warrant s out for the arrest of Henry Oliver Goldsmith, one of the best-known men of Wall the recent calls have no significance of grand larceny in the first degree for appropriating a check for \$3,000, the property he visited the State Department, the emof Oscar E. A. Wiessner of Brooklyn.

The officials of the district attorney's office say that Goldsmith has managed to get away with something like half a million dollars by operations similar to those which brought the E. S. Dean Company before the

Goldsmith was indicted by the grand jury on Tuesday last. Detectives have followed clues all over New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Boston and other places, but so far Goldsmith has eluded them.

Goldsmith and a man named Webster operated under the firm name of Hoyt & Co. George Hazelwied and William A. Mitchell, who were their brokers, were arrested three weeks ago for their part in the operations but the charges against them have not been tried. They were dropped from member-ship in the stock exchange. It is said that it was upon their evidence that the grand jury found the indictment against Gold-The latter is about thirty-five years old, and in the opinion of the district attor-ney's office he is one of the shrewdest men that ever engaged in Wall street spe-

WRECK ON WABASH RAILROAD. Several Passengers Shaken Up in a

Rear-End Collision.

CHICAGO, December 29.-In a rear-end collision on the Wabash railroad last evening at Palos Springs, nineteen miles south west of Chicago, five passengers were injured, among them being State Senator John Humphrey. The "Cannon Ball" express, bound for Chicago, ran into the last of a suburban train from Chicago which had switched at Palos to allow the "Cannen Ball" to pass. The rear coach of the suburban train was thrown from the rails into the ditch at the side of the track.

There were fifteen persons in the car at the time, most of whom were scratched and bruised.

HIS TREASURE IN A TIN PAN.

Thieves Broke in and Stole-Now Mr.

Walters is Crazy. NILES, Mich., December 29.-Lawrence Walters, an aged farmer residing three miles north of Walyand, Cass county, had by her own showing, must have annihilated no faith in banks, and instead placed his the insurrection by killing, capturing and savings, consisting of about \$3,500 in greenbacks, \$4,000 in government bonds, notes, mortgages and other valuable papers, in a tin pan. This he buried beneath the floor in his house some months ago, and he has been in the habit of visiting the biding place every day to see if his fortune was

This morning when he made the customary visit he discovered that robbers had been there, for his fortune had disappeared. The old man is almost crazed over his loss.

MINERS WANT MORE PAY.

Trouble Expected in Northern Colorado Coal Fields.

brewing in the northern coal fields. The operators have received notice from the miners that unless their wages are increased before January 10 they will close down every coal mine in Lafayette. Louisville, Marshall, Erie and the smaller camps. The operators say that the schedule demanded is an advance of from 10 to 40 per cent. 'The present scale runs from 40 to 50 cents per ton for mining after machines and 70 to 90 cents per ton for pick work. According to the way the operators figure it the scale demanded would be 55 to 60 cents after machines and 85 cents to \$1 for pick werk.

The operators say that the present wages, together with the other expenses of production, leaves them a very small margin, and they declare that if the miners insist on a higher scale the operators will be forced to

close down the mines. There are 1,500 men in the territory who thrown out of work in the event of a strike.

VICTIM OF RACE PREJUDICE.

Simon Wolf Tells Why Commodore Levy Was Dismissed.

NEW YORK, December 29.-The sixth annual meeting of the American Jewish Historical Society convened in this city today. Former Minister to Turkey Oscar Strauss opened the meeting. Simon Wolf of Washington, D. C., read a biographical sketch of the late Commodore Isaiah P. Levy, in which he maintained that the commodore was dismissed from the United States navy solely on account of his race

and religion. Max J. Kohler read a paper on "Phases in the History of Religious Liberty in America, With Special Reference to the America, With Special Reference to the Jews." Mr. Kohler's claim that the estab lishment of religious liberty was largely due to President Madison aroused a rathe heated discussion. It was alleged that President Madison recalled a consular agent from Morocco for the sole reason that he was a Jew.

Assemblyman Taylor Phillips defended President Madison, and so also did Mr. Strauss. Juitus Sachse of Philadelphia read a

raper on "Jacob Philadelphia, Mystic and Physicist. Among those present were Prof. Charles Harvard University, Prof. Richard Gottheil of Columbia University, Simon Rosendale of Albany, Dr. Cyrus Adler of the Smithsonian Institution, Mendes Cohen of Baltimore, Dr. Herbert Friedenwald of Washington, D. C.; Nathaniel Levin of Charleston, S. C.; the Rev. Dr. Kohler and Rev. H. L. Mendez of New York city.

SAGASTA'S POLICY DEFENDED. Friends of Present Government Reply to Adverse Criticisms.

MADRID, December 29 .- In regard to criticisms of the government's inaction, it is pointed out in ministerial circles that the Spanish cabinet has invariably protested against "the attempts of the United States to intervene in Cuba:" that President McKinley's message, "however incorrect, did not adopt the comminatory tone of President Cleveland's;" that the weakness of Senor Canovas in yielding to the demands of the United States in the Com-

anyhow, a return to the policy of Seno Canovas, who, it is alleged, sent 200,000 troops to Cuba and expended two milliards without result, is impossible. FRESH OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA.

Inhabitants of Mandvie, India, District Fly From Plague. BOMBAY, December 29.-There has been

fresh outbreak of cholera, especially in the Mandvie district, where the inhabitants are seeking safety in flight.

There were fifty-four new cases of cholera and thirty-seven deaths from that disease today. The total cholera returns from Bombay up to date are 14,257 cases and 11,882 deaths.

Reciprocity With British Colonies and Canada.

The British Ambassador Again Able to Give Attention to State Affairs-Lord Salisbury's Action

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has about recovered from a long and painful attack of rheumatism, which has kept him in bed for a good part of the last three months. His ability to resame calls at the State Department has led to reports that these were coincident with Lord Salisbury's declination of the proposition to stop pelagic sealing, and were for the purpose of renewing reciprocity negotiations. It is said, however, that The specific charge against him is this character, as Sir Julian did not know of Lord Salisbury's decision at the time bassy not having received word of the answer up to the present time. As to the reciprocity negotiations, they have pro-gressed steadily through Mr. Adam, first secretary of the emba 7, and Sir Julian will now be able to give the matter personal attention. Seeking Reciprocity.

The main desire of the British West Indian colonies is to secure reciprocity reductions on sugar, which constitutes their chief product. The United States is the main market for this sugar, and the colonies are very desirous of getting the 20 per cent reduction of duty contemplated by the Dingley law. What will be given in exchange has not yet been determined, as no schedules have been prepared thus far. At the outset the purpose of the negotia-tions was confined to the British West Indies, but the present indications are that efforts will be made to include Canada among the colonies receiving the advantages of reciprocay. How far this can be done, in view of the failure of the Bering sea negotiations, is not clear, but it is probable that the British government will prefer to have the negotiations embrace all he colonies-including Canada-instead of repeating the action when the last reci-procity treaties were framed, of confining them to the West Indian possessions. Relations With Canada.

In this connection it may be stated that Mr. Kasson, the special plenipotentiary Commissioner of the United States, charged with conduct of the negotiation of reciprocity arrangements and treaties under the tariff act, has not undertaken to consider the subject of reciprocity with Canada. This abstention on the part of Mr. Kasson is attributable to the fact that the subject of reciprocity pure and simple, as described in the tariff act, has become so involved with the seal question and other issues as to become practicably inseparable from them, and so the entire subject of Canadian relations appears to remain in the control of ex-Secretary Foster.

A New Arbitration Treaty. It had been expected that the recovery of Sir Julian would permit active steps on the British-American treaty of arbitration. There is no present prospect, however, that anything will be done on that subject, and up to this time no negotiations have been opened between the ambassador and the State Department. Both governments have signified a favorable attitude toward re-opening negotiations, but the British gov-ernment will take no step whatever until a definite assurance is at hand that such treaty as may be negotiated will become effective by the ratification of the Senate. It is said that the answer of Lord Salisbury on the Bering sea question, which has been briefly reported by cable, adds no new phase to the case, as this declination was foreshadowed with certainty by the answer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, declining to stop pelagic

sealing.
The action of Lord Salisbury merely adds the imperial and official sanction to this declination of the Canadian authorities. Being official and final, the declination arouses much comment in diplomatic cir-cles as to its effect on the Russo-Japanerican treaty, made several weeks ago. for the stoppage of pelagic sealing. It is understood that at the instance of Japan this treaty was conditioned on the con-currence of Great Britain in a similar measure to stop pelagic sealing, in which case the present declination of Great Britain would apparently put an end to the treaty, although no official announce-ment to this effect has been made.

COL. W. H. LOWDERMILK DEAD.

Prominent Business Man of Washington Succumbs to Diabetes. Colonel William H. Lowdermilk died to-

day at 12:30 o'clock at his residence, 1218 ex-Representative Baker of New York, had New Hampshire avenue. His death was not unexpected, as it has been thought for several weeks past that he was in a dying condition. The immediate cause of his demise was diabetes. The remains will be taken to Cumberland, Md., tomorrow afternoon, where the funeral services will be he held and the interment will be made.

Colonel Lowdermilk was born at Cumberland, Md., the 7th day of January, 1839. At the age of eleven years he went to Louisville, Ky., where he acquired a collegiate education, and afterward learned

the art of printing.

At the breaking out of the war of the rebellion he enlisted in a Kentucky regiment, and later became an officer on Gen, W. B. Hazen's staff. He was captured at the battle of Stone river and held a pris oner of war in Libby prison for eight months, when he was exchanged, and ther he rejoined his regiment and served with distinction until the close of the war, hav-ing participated in the battles of Shiloh,

stone river, Chickamauga, etc.

He then returned to Cumberland, and, becoming the editor and proprietor of the Civilian and Telegraph, a weekly paper printed at that place, he conducted it with great force for a number of years in the interest of the republican party. interest of the republican party.

In recognition of his services to his party
President Grant appointed him postmaster

of Cumberland, which position he filled for eight years. During this period Col. Lowdermilk wrote and published his widely known "History of Cumberland," which is a valuable work, not only as giving the local history of the city, but also for its a valuable work, not only as giving the local history of the city, but also for its narrative of the Braddock campaign.

About 1878 he came to Washington and embarked in the book business as a member of the firm of James Anglim & Co. He

afterward became the head of the business with Mr. John T. Loomis as a pariner, and conducted one of the largest book stores in the country. He was a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, where he had filled important positions. Col. Lowdermilk was a man of sterling qualities, and in ais death the city loses an energetic and useful member of sections. an energetic and useful member of society. He leaves a wife and one child, Mrs. H. P. P. Thompson. A brother, Upton 8. Lowdermilk, a resident of this city, also survives him.

DEATH OF MRS. PEIRCE.

Was a Sister of Senator Faulkner of West Virginia. Mrs. Salife Pendleton Faulkner Peirce, widow of Charles H. Peirce of New York, daughter of the late Charles James Faulkner of West Virginia, and sister of the present senstor of that name from West Virginia, died at her residence, 1120 16th street northwest, yesterday. Mrs. Peirce came from the of the oldest families in West Virginia and one which has always been prominent in national affairs. The Faulkners resided in Martinsburg, W. Va., which is the home of the present senator. Arrangements have not yet been made for

Harveyised Armor Plate Patents. The opinion of the experts of the United States patent office upon the point submitted to them as to the technical process used in the manufacture of Harveyized armor plate has reached the Navy Department and is under consideration by Judge Advocate Gereral Lemly. Upon this opinion, which sets at rest the exact degree of temperature necessary to secure success in the cementation process which constitutes the Harvey treatment, it is said, depends the validity of the patent, which has now come to be so valuable. authenticated to insure publication.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE BURIED IN THE RUINS FINANCE AND TRADE TWELVEHUNDREDWERE FED

Discussing the New Interstate Comperce Commissioner.

NOMINATION OF CHARLES PAGE BRYAN

The President to Attend an Encampment of Veterans.

HOWGATE'S PARDON ASKED

Senator Mason of Illinois was with the President a good while today discussing the nomination of an interstate commerce commissioner to succeed Col. Morrison Mr. Mason was again pressing the claims of State Senator Littler of Illinois. The President has the matter under advisement and will take action next week.

The President will send the nomination of Charles Page Bryan to the Senate when Congress reassembles next week. He will not hold it any longer, as he is satisfied that there is ne good reason for doing so. Following his custom in similar cases, the President withheld the nomination of Mr. Bryan on learning that there was opposition. He desired to seek the reasons for the opposition. As those given him have not been satisfactory he will not delay the matter any longer. The Illinois senators say that they believe Mr. Bryan will be confirmed without trouble.

The Liberian Mission. Representative Evans of Kentucky today eceived a telegram from Louisville constituents asking him to try to secure the mission to Liberia for Albert S. White, a prominent colored lawyer of that city and a graduate of Howard University. Mr Evans saw the President and mentioned his mission. The President informed him that the man for the place has been se-lected. The selection was exclusively an-nounced in The Star. Rev. Mr. Smith of North Carolina will be nominated Senator Deboe was also at the White House with Representative J. H. Wilson.
The latter is a candidate for district attorney of Kentucky. R. D. Hill is said to be the candidate of Senator Deboe.

W. A. Gaines, the Kentucky colored leader, who was a prominent candidate for register of the treasury, has returned to the city, and visited the White House. Mr. Gaines is said to be looking for something "equally as good."

Commissioner Forman of the internal revenue bureau and Mr. Scott, the West Virginia man who is to succeed him, were among the President's visitors. Mr. Forman wanted to say good-bye to the President and Mr. Scott desired to pay his respects. Mr. Scott will be sworn in as com-missioner on Friday and will take charge of the office next Monday. Mr. Forman will return to East St. Louis, Ill., and resume the practice of law. He left a lucrative practice to take the position at the request of President Cleveland.

Asking fortHowgate's Pardon. Senator Burrows presented to the President today a petition signed by the Michigan delegation im Congress asking the pardon of Capt Howgate, convicted of em-

bezzlement and given a long sentence. Ex-Senator Warner Miller, William Brookfield, Charles G. Moore, Benjamin Atha and ex-Mayor Schieren formed a Atha and ex-Mayor Schieren formed a delegation which saw the President today and invited him to attend the banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York on the 27th of January. The delegation believes that the President will un over to New York to be present if his senators Davis and Nelson of Minnesota had a few minutes with the President on the distribution of places to Minnesota re-

publicans. Senator Carter of Montana introduced ome Montana friends to the President Messrs. Hewitt, Haynes and Humphreys were among the number. Mr. Haynes is the official photographer at Yellowstone Park, and the President told him he hoped o visit the park next summer. Senator Daniel of Virginia and Mr. Cor-

bett of Oregon, who is seeking a seat in the Senate, were visitors, The President today pardoned L.I. Rosen-crans, convicted in Montana of violating federal laws and sentenced to a year in the Minnesota pentientiary. The pardon restores the citizenship of Rosencrans, whose term is about expired.

The President Accepts an Invitation. Gen. H. L. Street, commander-in-chief of the Union Veteran Union, accompanied by Representative G. W. Prince of Illinois and an interview with the President today. which resulted in a promise that the President would visit the national encampment of the U. V. U. which will be held at Roc Island, Ill., next August. Gen. Street said that the invitation to the President came from the departments of Illinois and Iowa and that the occasion would not only be a gathering of veterans of the order, but of soldiers generally from those states and from Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota

The President, according to Gen. Street said that he would promise to be with them if Congress got away before that time, but he could not fix the exact date

in August at this time. Anti-Pelagic Sealing Bill Signed.

After a conference with ex-Secretary Foster this morning the President signed the anti-pelagic sealing bill passed by Congress just before adjourning. The bill prohibits the killing of fur seals in the waters of the North Pacific ocean by American citizens. It also prohibits the furnishing of supplies by American citi-zens to vessels employed in the seal business. The act prohibits the importation of fur seal skins taken in the waters of the North Pacific. The act does not inter fere with the killing of fur seals upon th

TO CRUISE ON THE MOHICAN. The Old Warship to Be Used by Naval

Apprentices.

The old warship Mohican, which has been thoroughly overhauled at the Mare Island navy yard, has been turned over to the training service and will be put in commission there about the 10th proximo, inder command of Commander Book lately the captain of the Marion. Most of the officers of the latter ship will be transferred to the Mohican. This ship is to recruit a large number of apprentice boys, and it is in contemplation to start with them about the middle of January on a cruise around the world. According to this plan some time will be spent among the South Sea ferangs, where the American navy has not been represented to any ex-tent since 1883, notwithstanding the important commercial interests of our coun try in that portion of the globe. The de-partment hopes to secure a crew of 150 boys for the Mohican, all to be recruited on the Pacific coast for this service.

Secretary Alger Much Better. Secretary Alger was much better this

morning. He suffered from a depressing fever yesterday, but this entirely disappear-ed during last night, and this morning he was able to arise from his bed and transact

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS. Lists of Those Receiving or Not Re-ceiving to Be Published Friday.

The Star will publish Friday a list of those receiving or not receiving New Year day. Persons desiring to announce that they will or will not receive can do so without any charge by sending notices to The Star any time prior to 9 o'clock Friday morning. The notices should contain only the announcement that there will or will not be a reception and the names and ad-

dresses. Every notice must be properly

Wall Falls in With Fatal Results in East

One Man Killed and Others Badly Hurt - Engines and Police Force Called Out.

This afternoon at half-past 2 the front wall of the house 303 B street southeast which was being remodeled, fell in, carrying with it a number of men who wer working on the wall. A number of the workmen were badly shaken up, and five of the bricklayers were buried in the rulns. The neighboring engines and the entire reserve of the fifth precinct were imme diately called out, and in a very short time the injured workmen were removed from the debris. The man who received the most severe injuries was C. C. Hessler, white, forty-five years old, who lives at 326 1st street northeast.

He was taken to Providence Hospital, bu died a few minutes after he reached that place. His neck was broken. The others injured were Thomas Carrol, thirty-five years of age, 121 H street northeast, hurt about the head and body. He was also taken to Providence Hospital. John Kirby, white, of 702 10th street

northeast, hurt about the leg and shoulder. He was taken to his home. Gus Williams colored, fifty years old, living at 9 Snow's alley, injured internally, was taken to ·Providence Hospital. J. F. Jones, another workman, was also severely injured.

The building where the accident occurred was the property of a Mr. Egloff, and was in course of alteration. Hessler, who was killed, was working at a fireplace under the wall. He leaves a wife and seven chil-

GOV. SHEPHERD'S CONDITION. Discredit Story of His Serious Illness

A dispatch received last night from San Antonio, Texas, in New York, which stated that Mr. Alexander R. Shepherd had suffered a stroke of apoplexy and that his condition was serious, caused consternation among Gov. Shepherd's friends in this city today. Friends and relatives both in this city and New York, however, were satisfied that the story was not founded on fact. Those most intimately connected with Gov. Shepherd have received up to a late hour this afternoon no intimation of

the governor's illness. The following dispatch from Mr. L. H Stevens, in New York, was received by The Star this afternoon:

"I place no confidence whatever in dispatch from San Antonio regarding Governor Shepherd. I would certainly have been advised. I received telegram from the governor Christmas day. All then in perfect health. L. H. STEVENS."

PRINTING POSTAGE STAMPS.

Bids Will Shortly Be Invited by the Department. Bids will shortly be invited by the Post

Office Department for furnishing the United States with postage stamps. At the present time the bureau of engraving and printing is making the stamps for the government under an arrangement made four years ago between the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury. The bureau of engraving agreed to print the ordinary stamps at 5 cents per thousand, the newspaper and periodical stamps at 11.4 cents per thousand, the postage due stamps at 6.05 cents per thousand and the special delivery at 11.4 cents per thousand. Th work has been entirely satisfactory to the department. But the law provides for the regular advertising for bids to do this

No change is anticipated in the color or sizes of the stamps, although approxi-mately 10 per cent more stamps will be required this year that when the contrac was made four years ago. At that tim-the government issued the following num ber of stamps during the year. Ordinary stamps for use of the public 2,750,233,630 newspaper and periodical stamps, 4,171,091

postage due stamps, 18,101,360, and special delivery stamps, 3,528,070.

The new bids will be invited during the early part of January.
Should an outside contractor obtain the contract, it will result in throwing out employment a large force of people who are now engaged at the bureau of en graving and printing making the stamps It is not thought, however, that an out sider will get the work, as Uncle San considerable amount by doing

Sceretary Long's Recommendation. Secretary of the Navy Long has recommended to Congress legislation amending the law as to pensioners admitted to the naval home in Philadelphia so as to hereafter restore to the naval pension fund all pensions deducted on account of residence in the naval home, and to restore to the naval hospital fund all pensions deducted because of the admission of a beneficiary

to a naval hospital.

Duties on Frozen Herring. Assistant Secretary Howell gave a hearing today to a Boston delegation interested in the question of duties on frozen herring. W. D. Sohier headed the delegation. The information is that the customs officials at Gloucester admit the herring free of duty on the ground that they are products of American fisheries. The Boston officials indicate a disposition to levy a duty on the ground that the fish are not products of American fisheries. The delegation desires that the question be settled that there may e uniform action.

Capt. Martens Suspended.

NEW YORK, December 29 .- At the police board meeting today President Moss offered a resolution providing for the dismissal of Captain Martens of the East 35th street station, on charges of falling to suppress policy shops in his precinct. A tie wote resulted, Commissioners Parker and Smith voting in the negative. A resolution suspending the captain for thirty days without pay was then carried.

Cold Wave Visits New York. SARATOGA, N. Y., December 29.-The thermometer today dropped to 9 degrees below zero at North Creek, 10 degrees below at Saratoga, 12 degrees below at Rouse's Point and 15 degrees below at Pack Train Reaches Vancouver.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., December 29.—Eleven packers with sixty mules, in charge of Lieutenant Ryan of Fort Robinson, have arrived from Chicago. The party will proceed to Dyea on the next steamer for the purpose of assisting Major L. H. Rucker in selecting a route for the overnment relief expedition. Miss Gonne Sails for Home.

NEW YORK, December 29 .- Miss Maud Gonne, the "Irish Joan of Arc," sailed for Liverpool on the White Star liner Majestic today. J. Pierpout Morgan and Edward Blake, M. P., were also passengers. Lord Beresford to Stand for York. LONDON, December 29.-Rear Admiral

invitation of the unionists of York to con-test that seat in parliament, vacant by the death of Sir Frank Lockwood, Q. C. M. Carvalho Dead. PARIS, December 29.—M. Carvalho, director of the Opera Comique, is dead.

Strong Bear Sentiment Developed in Stock Market Today.

SLIGHT SLUMP IN WHOLE LIST

Only Bull Strength Came From Shorts Covering.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

prices this morning were generally steady

around last night's closing level, but failed

special Dispetch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, December 29.-Opening

o hold, as the result of considerable profit taking in the specialties. Sentiment and general conditions are opposed to any material decline, but the dullness is an inducement to frequent changes in position. Consolidated Gas, Manhattan, Metropolitan Street Railway and Sugar were the features of the day's business. With the exception of the latter the activity was not profitable. Interviews and prophesies were used in justification of the advance in Manhattan, but after a stubborn resistarce the stock declined 1% per cent. Earnings are said to exceed the necessities of the present dividend rate by a trifle less than 1 per cert, and for this reason in estors are invited to buy.

Politics were used less than a week ago for the purpose of encouraging speculation, and merit was not a factor. When manipulation turns from speculation to investment the subject of it must be regarded as dangerous.

The surface road was rather weak all morning from a general lack of support and a growing conviction that recent prices were high enough.

The buying of sugar was described as good, but the covering of short contracts good, but the covering of short contracts had undoubtedly considerable to do with its advance. In nearly all parts of the loan crowd there was a good demand for the more active issues this morning, and this for a time gave an appearance of strength to the general market. The net result of the day's trading was more clear demonstration of the fact that

the large interests are holding aloof and that traders are making prices to suit whims rather than to reflect value. Under such circumstances no significant trading is likely, and none but the room trader is to assume the responsibilities of new operations over the coming holiday The cessation of buying by the short inrest resulted in demonstrating an absence

of a demand of a more legitimate charac

ter. The discovery very naturally invited new selling, the market again receding within fractional limits. Rumors that the wheat corner had been broken were freely circulated during the afternoon, and this intelligence served as an excuse rather than an argument for depression. After the January disbursements are an accomplished fact it is likely that higher

prices will result from the familiar process of reinvestment. This prospect is encour aged by good earnings and a growing will irgness to make the most of them. For the immediate future prices are thought to be high enough in conservative circles, and the falling off in commission business clearly reflects the discontinuance of advice to buy.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the high the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway Open. High. Low. Close. American Spirits...... 7½ 7½ 1½ 7½ American Spirits, pfd... 17½ 18 17½ 18

	American Sugar	139%	141	1394	140
S	American Sugar, pfd	114%	114%	1143	114%
t	American Tobacco	89%	90%	8834	591
1	American Cotton Oil				
u	Atchison	12%			1274
e	Baltimore & Onio		*****		
e	Bay State Gas	4	4	3%	874
	Canada Southern				
e	Canada Pacific	*****			6
S	Chesapeake & Ohio	221	221,	25%	221
	C., C. C. & St. Louis				1000000
s	Chicago, B. & Q	995	100%	995	99%
-	Chicagos Northwestern	121 4	12114		
	Chicago Gas	963	973	96%	96%
e	C M. & St. Paul	25	95		20%
t	C M. & St. Paul, pfd			94%	94%
e	Chicago, R.I. & Pacific.		91%		*****
1-	Consolidated Gas	913/2		90	91
y	Del Last & De	181	.51%	176	*****
	Del. Lack & W	:.:::		22222	11.77
); ;	Delaware & Hudson	1111%	112%	1::36	1115
	Den. & Rio Grande, pfd	453	****	*****	45%
ıl	Erie				** **
	General Electric	33	343	33	34
e	Illinois Central		****	****	
	Lake Shore	*****		*****	
e	Louisville & Nashville	56%	563	561	56%
22.0	Metropolitan Traction	130%	180%	128%	128%
f	Manhattan Elevated	1124	1121	1103	1104
0	Michigan Central				
1-	Missouri Pacific	34	24	333	3814
S. 1	National Lead Co	38	3814	3736	3734
-	National Lead Co., pfd		****		60.
n	New Jersey Central	95%	95%	94%	95
g	New York Central	107	1075	107	107
0	Northern Pacific	2114	214	2134	2136
	Northern Pacific, pfd	59%	593	59	59%
	Onl. & Western	15%	15%	15%	15%
- 1	Pacific Mail	294	30	293	30
	Phila. & keading	2236	22%	22	22
•	Puliman P. C. Co	173%	17336	178%	173%
3	Southern Ry., pfa	32	323	32	321
e	Phila Traction				0.55
	Texas Pacific	114	115	11%	1134
- 1	Tenn. Coar & Iron	26	261	26	26
1	Union Pacific	25%	26	25%	25%
- 1	U. S. Leather, pfd	633	63%		
e	Wabash, pfd	181	181	63	633
9	Western Union Tel			18	18
1	Silver	91%	91%	9136	91%
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Washington Stock Exchange.

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Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Washington Loan and Trust, 3 at 123. Capital Traction, 59 at 62 ½; 42 at 62; 5 at 62; 20 at 62 s.o.b. Washington Gas, 50 at 48½; 24 at 48½, 3eller 7. Columbia Fire I surance, 100 at 12½. Columbia Title Insurance, 100 at 45½; 70 at 45½. Chesapeake and Fotomac Telephone, 20 at 67; 20 at 67; 15 at 67. American Graphophone, 25 at 11½, seller 5. American Graphophone, 25 at 11½, seller 5. American Graphophone, 25 at 11½; seller 5. American Graphophone, 26 at 11½; seller 5. American Graphophone, 100 at 43; 100 at 411½; 112 at 11½; 100 at 113½; 12 at 11½; 100 at 113½; 14 at 12. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 100 at 43 cents; 100 at 42 cents; 100 at 41 cents. Lanston Monotype, 100 at 18½. After call—American Graphophone, 60 at 11½. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, \$1,000 at 125; \$1,000 at 125.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 102 bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 111 bid. 3.65s, funding, currency, 114 bid, 117½ asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 116½ bid. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 125 bid, 126 asked. Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 125 bid, 126 asked. Metropolitan Railroad 6s, 121 bid. 124 asked. Metropolitan Gas Company 6s, series 5 bid, 100 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 121 bid. 124 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series 8, 113 bid. U. 8. Electric Light debenture imp, 103 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 103 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 106 bid. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 106 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 110 bid. Wa

asked.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 290 bid. Metrepolitan, 315 bid, 320 asked. Central, 200 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 180 bid. Second, 140 bid. Citizens', 135 bid. Columbia, 139 bid. Capital, 120 bid. West End, 104 bid. Traders', 25 bid. Lincoln, x108 bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—Washington Loan and Trust, 123 bid, 128 asked. American Security and Trust, 148 bid. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 61¾ bid, 62¼ asked. Metropolitan, 120 bid. Columbia, 63 bid, 68 asked.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Capital Cap 68 asked.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 48% bid, 48% asked. Georgetown Gas, x40 bid.

U. S. Electric Light, x97½ bid, 101 asked.
Insuranc. Stocks.—Firemen's, 30 bid. Franklin, 38 bid. Metropolitan, 65 bid. Corcoran, 56 bid.
Potomac, 64 bid. Arlington, 133 bid, 147 asked.
German-American, 185 bid. National Union, 10½ bid, 1 2asked. Columbia, 12% bid, 13 asked.
Riggs, 7½ bid, 8½ asked. People's, 5½ bid, 6 asked. Lincoln, 9% bid, 9% asked. Commercial, 4 bid, 5 asked.

bid, 1 All Signature of the state of the sta Mashington Title, 2½ bid, 5½ and 5. Title, 3 bid, 18 Title, 3 bid, 18 Title, 3 bid, 19 Title, 2 bid, 5% and 19 Title, 3 bid, 48 asked. Chesapeake and Potomac, 66½ bid, 68 asked. American Graphophone, preferred, 11½ bid, 12 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 40 bid, 42

asked.
Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler L'notype,
139% bid, 140% asked. Lanston Monotype, 18
bid, 19% asked. Washington Market, 10 bid. Great
Falls Ice, 11 0bid, 112 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 100 asked. Lincoln Hall, 30 Lord Charles Beresford has accepted the Sister Sole Beneficiary.

dated March 2, 1897, was this afternoon

filed for probate. Her entire estate is be-queathed to her sister, Catharine M. Hum-phreys, for life.

Salvation Army Provides Christmas Treat

for the Poorer Classes

Dinner and Entertainment and Bags of Candy-Mrs. McKinley Scads

a Contribution.

It would have made "Hungry Joe" jealous of his laurels as an eater had he been at Center Market Hall this afternoon at 2 o'cleck. About 1.200 children, who had not enjoyed a Christmas dinner like the more fortunate ones of the capital, sat down at the long tables, extending the whole length of the chamber, and proceeded to enjoy the excellent viands provided for them through the efforts of the Salvation Army of the

The occasion was the annual dinner and entertainment given by the Salvation people to the children of the poorer classes. Five tables extended the length of the coon. Two smaller ones were at the north end of the hall, and all were decorated with cut flowers, donated by the florists of the city. Then there were more than a hundred young ladies, wearing white caps

tables. These young ladies were members of the different churches throughout the city, and some of them belonged to the W. C. T. U., all having volunteered their services.

and a special uniform, waiting on the

Decorations of Bunting. At the south end of the hall was a plat-

form, decorated with bunting and green stuff, on which the entertainment took place, and from which a section of the Mount Pleasant Band discoursed music during the dinner. Tickets had been distributed to the chil.

dren, through the Associated Charities, by the members of the army through the dif-ferent churches, and by other means. These were taken up at the door as the holders entered. Major Ashley Pebbles, chief of the South Atlantic division, Salvation army, presided, Prayer was offered by Mr. Henry B. F. Mactariand, and William R. Woodward

mactariand, and William R. Woodward read a selection from the Scriptures. The Christmas greeting to the children was extended by Mr. Ralph Wells, a prominent lawyer of New York, and a well known Sunday school superintendent.

After singing by the officers of the army, Maj. Pebbles introduced Mrs. Alfred Wood, through whose efforts the entertainment part of the program was secured.

Program of Entertainment. ' This was an excellent one. It was as fol-

Cornet solo, R. B. Maxwell; selection by the Tuxedo Mandolin Quartet, Amis. Todd R. E. and A. S. Weaver: the Lindsey brothers, violin, cornet and piano; solo, J. Walter Humphries; plano duet, Miss H. Slemen and S. Wall; mouth organ and violin duet, Frank and Faith Woodward; solo, Miss Bertha Bristow; piano, with mandolin duet, Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Boody and Miss Wolcott; recitation, "What Will Jesus Say," Annie Farden; coronet solo, Mr. Lindsey; dialogue, William and Selmar Segar; solo, Miss Mabel Ciaffin; recitation, Florence Segar; swinging Indian clubs, Miss Frances Hurst; mouth organ and solo, Helen Nye violin, Miss Jessie Cowling; recitation, Eugene Segar; solo, Mrs. Shear; violin solo, Mr. Melville Lindsey.

Hoop drill, the Misses Jennie Robinson, Rovilla Frank, Ona Murray, Emma Schade,

Grace Osborn, Maud Wegstaff, Molly Printiso, Corinne Gillenwater, Jeannie Vesse, Annie Vessey, Essie Rossele; violin duet Faith and Frank Woodward; recitation, Miss Edith Merrifield; plano, cornet and violin, the Lindsey brothers; cornet, R. B. Maxwell, Miss Appleby; plane and banjo, Mrs. and Miss Wolcott: selection, by the Tuxedo Mandolin Quartet; mouth organ and banjo, Houton; solo, Mrs. Fentress.

The Menu a Good One. The dinner itself consisted of turkey,

vegetables, sauces, fruits, cakes and candy The turkeys were all cooked at the National Hotel through the courtesy of Walter so the children could take it home with them. The waiters were young ladies from different churches and members of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, about one hundred and twenty-five in

number.

Mrs. McKinley sent a contribution to the fund this morning.

As the children left the hall each was presented with a bag of candy.

Approve the Bills. The Commissioners this afternoon sub mitted to the chairman of the two District committees in Congress a report on

Senate bill 2619 and House bill 4084, companion bills, for the extension eastwardly of the Columbia railway. The bill has heretofore been published in The Star, and the Commissioners say that in their opinion there appears to be no objection to the route or to the manner in which it is to be acquired. The widening of the Benning road will, they believe, be not interfered with by the proposed lo-cation of the railroad, and when the widening takes place the railroad will be prac-tically in the middle of the widened road,

The Commissioners say, too, that in case the road is widened the railroad will be required by its charter to donate 30 feet, which seems to them a fair proportion

provided it is given a width of 110 feet,

Judge Cole this afternoon set aside an order entered yesterday confirming the proceedings in lunacy in the case of Deborah H. Carter. It is understood that counsel for the woman has prepared an application which will be presented probably tomorrow. Against Use of Salt.

President Randle of the Capital Railway

Company today called upon the District

Commissioners to induce them to make

such a police regulation as will prohibit

the salting of railway tracks for the purpose of removing snow or ice or for other purposes. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement, and it is not im-

probable that some such police regulation Government Bonds. Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-

2 per cents, registered
4 per cents, coupon of 1907.
4 per cents, registered of 1907.
4 per cents, coupon of 1925.
5 per cents, coupon of 1925.
5 per cents, coupon of 1904.
Currency 6 per cents of 1904.

Baltimore Markets.

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Baltimore, December 29.—Flour dull, unchanged—receipts, 8,808 barrels; exports, 11,588 barrels; sales 3.00 barrels. Wheat steady—spot, month and January, 88%,898%; May, 35% bid; steamer No. 2 red, 93%,893%,—receipts, 86,454 bushels; exports, none; stock, 1,428,109 bushels; sales, 29,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 83a,99%; do. on grade, 94a99. Corn steady—spot and month, 33%,833%; January, 33%,833%; February, 33%,833%; steamer mixed, 31%,832—receipts, 163,089 bushels; exports, 259,365 bushels; stock, 827,922 bushels; exports, 259,365 bushels; stock, 827,922 bushels; exports, 20,000 bushels; exports, 20,000 bushels; stock, 417,222 oushels. Bye steady—No. 2 nearby, 53; No. 2 western, 54—receipts, 22,186 bushels; exports, 25,714 bushels; exports, 22,186 bushels, exports, 25,714 bushels; stock, 385,762 bushels. Hay firm—choice timothy, \$13 asked. Grain freights very dull, unchanged. Sugar strong, unchanged. Butter quiet, unchanged. Eggs and choese steady, unchanged. Whisky unchanged. Baltimore Markets.

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